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In re Application of:

Stanley G. McCabe

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are A1 through A27.

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Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION                  U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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